

AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB
AND THEIR WIVES ENTERTAINED.They Are Shown All the Mysteries in the
Kingdom of the "Hello" Girl and
Hear Music Wined From
Topeka.

Members of the Commercial Club, their wives, sweethearts and daughters to the number of nearly 500 swarmed the rooms of the Kansas City telephone exchange yesterday afternoon and expressed their wonder and admiration at the experience of the "Hello" girls in serving customers. The visit was made on the invitation of Manager Alonzo Burt, who asked the club and all friends of the members to take a half day off and accept the hospitality of the company. The invitation was accepted by the ladies in great numbers, a sufficiently large number of men attending as escorts and looking as happy as the circumstances would admit.

The affair was strictly informal, the members and friends being marshaled in the club rooms by President Fuller and Secretary Clendenen, and going over to the exchange in anything but marching order. When they reached the rooms of the exchange they began to look startled as they were unceremoniously and instrumentally discussing fragments from "The Mikado," "The Side-walks of New York" and other gems of music. The strains came from Topeka, Kas., by special wire. There was a singing company and full orchestra at the Kansas capital, in one of the opera houses, singing and playing for the Kansas City people. All the while the cause of the disturbance was made manifest by Mr. Burt or some of his assistants.

Then the visitors were escorted through the exchange room. There they saw the operators with their funny headpieces, sitting silently in front of the tables, rapidly connecting the anxious customer with somebody he wished to talk to without the trouble of a walk. This part of the work was the one thing in the building which excited the admiration of the ladies. They could not see how it was done, and when it was explained said it was marvelous and marveled at the other rooms. The distributing room was another puzzle for all. It seemed to be in sad disarray, but Mr. Burt explained that this was only seeming, as every wire in the huge collection was properly connected. He said that this was the place where all the repairing and changing of circuits was done.

Then the visitors were introduced to a room wherein was a long line of transmitters and telephones of the oldest and newest vintage. There were a couple of samples of the first boxes ever put into use. These were supplemented by others, showing the graded improvement from the cumbersome original to the graceful instrument used for the metallic circuit of today. In an adjoining room was something not usually found in telephone exchanges. It was a table covered with bowls of incense, glasses and a choice collection of macaroons, confections, etc. The visitors paid due acknowledgment to the skill and generosity of the company and expressed the liveliest satisfaction over the visit and the entertainment.

The health authorities of a number of states have recently made exhaustive examinations of the baking powders with the uniform result of finding the Royal superior to all others.

FAIRMOUNT PARK.

Paul Alexander Johnstone Will To-day Attempt to Find a Needle in the Lake.

Sharp at 5 o'clock this afternoon Paul Alexander Johnstone, the blind reader, will plunge from an elevated car into the lake at Fairmount park, blindfolded, to recover a needle thrown into the mud and slime of the bottom. The feat is the most difficult ever performed by a blind man. The lake, a line railway, under whose auspices the feat is to be performed, has selected the following gentlemen as a committee to superintend the exhibition and prevent possible deception: J. A. Woodward, president of the Central Coal and Coke Company; Herman Grambsch, the attorney; J. N. Wilson, auditor of the Kansas City & Gulf railway; Frank Meyer, expert electrician; J. R. Frick, treasurer of the Kansas City & Gulf railway; and Chief Hale, of the fire department. Half of these gentlemen will remain on the shore, while the other half will accompany Johnstone to the lake, where he will attempt to find the needle.

At 6 o'clock Johnstone, heavily blindfolded, will rush out of the elevated car and be driven to the Air Line depot at second and Wyandotte streets. Here he will enter the cab of an Air Line engine and run the engine blindfolded to a station, a short distance from the park. At this station he will mount the box of a four-wheel carriage and drive blindfolded to the park. Here he will on the race track make an effort to break the one-fourth mile four-hand record. He will also give exhibitions of his powers on various trials which will be given to the public. The trip up to the park will be on trains up to 5 o'clock.

This afternoon and evening also the Third Regiment band will produce, by the aid of all the original music, Mr. H. O. Wheeler's piece, "Scenes on the Midway." The synopsis of the piece is as follows: Scene at the depot, rush for tickets; starting of train; arrival at the Midway; the trip up to the Midway and stopping to see the following villages:

Old Vienna, Streets of Cairo, Dancing girls, Dresden theater, Derwishes, Babylonian village, Switzerland, Alpine horn, Chinese theater, Laboring of labor with putting it on the box. The nail is cut in the board like a fish hook and refuse to come out without the aid of a large fragment of the surrounding wood.

The best point about the new strap, however, lies in its saving of labor with putting it on the box. There is no worry with nails. The workman simply drives the first bar nail into the board, and the strap around the box, strikes a single blow on the head of the bar nail and the operation is complete.

The patent is owned jointly by Mr. Wolf and Mr. Axman. Mr. Axman has shown his invention to several wholesale merchants, and from the favor with which it has been received it is probable that a company will soon be formed to put the new strap on the market.

Next Commercial Club Meeting.

The Commercial Club meeting Tuesday evening will be devoted to manufacturing interests, and it is very much desired that all manufacturers, whether engaged in extensive or small business, shall be present. It is hoped that this may prove the most important meeting of the year.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this balm did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together.

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Cooper Democrats Fail to Attend the Meeting of the Johnson Faction-Silver Convention Probable.

The Johnson Democratic city committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Metropolitan hotel. Chairman Con Murphy presided and nearly all the members were present. The meeting was called for the purpose of devising some scheme to put a Democratic candidate for member of the lower house of the council from the Seventh ward in nomination. As the time provided by law for holding primary elections is fast approaching, the committee was in a quandary for a time. It was finally decided if a candidate is run he must be labeled "Independent." The "Independent" label must be put upon the ticket and his name must be put upon the ballot by petition. The matter of selecting a candidate was referred to the committeemen from the Seventh ward, J. J. Burke and Thomas Callahan.

It was expected that the Cooper Democratic committee, which is another name for the Johnson committee, would send several delegates to the meeting for the purpose of patching up the differences between the Johnsons and setting the Seventh ward muddle, but none appeared. They are still determined to hold aloof from the Johnsons. The latter are of the opinion that the Cooper-Frankists should lose no time in coming into the Johnson camp under a flag of truce to negotiate a surrender. A prominent member of the Cooper-Frankist faction yesterday declared that the fight is still on. The Cooper-Frankists are the old guard of Democracy. The old guard does not never surrender.

After referring the Seventh ward matter to the committeemen from that ward the following resolutions, which were written by Judge Frank G. Johnson, were submitted by Committeeman Louis Robinson: "Whereas, The subject of calling a state convention to decide the question of the Democracy of the state of Missouri on the silver question is being generally discussed, therefore we, the undersigned, do hereby resolve, that we respectfully request the state central committee to issue a call for such convention, to be held not later than August 1st."

This resolution, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the chairman and secretary of this committee to the chairman of the state Democratic central committee."

The resolutions were opposed by only two members of the committee, John Conlan and John Lynch.

Deaths and Funerals.

J. W. Wyatt, aged 25 years, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, corner of Rochester and Clark streets. The cause of death was blood poisoning. The remains departed today to Southern Kansas for burial.

John Smith, whose correct name is supposed to be Kelly, who was carried yesterday in Forest Hill cemetery, died May 11, by the Chicago & Alton express train from St. Louis, which arrived in Kansas City at 8:30 a. m. was carried yesterday in Forest Hill cemetery.

John Smith, aged 3 years, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 176 Adams avenue. Burial will be to-day at 2 o'clock in Union cemetery.

Important Change of Time.

The new service on the Nickel Plate road goes into effect May 19. Afternoon train will leave Chicago at 1:30 p. m., arrive Cleveland 11:30 p. m., Buffalo 12:00 a. m., evening train will leave Chicago at 8:20 p. m., arrive Cleveland 9:50 a. m., morning train will leave Buffalo at 10:00 a. m., arrive Chicago at 1:30 p. m. Through trains between Chicago, New York and Boston without change. Superb dining cars. City ticket office, 111 Adams street. Telephone, main 288.

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50c. bottle lemon or vanilla for 25c.
25 cases of regular 50c. size of shoe black 10 lb. 20c.
100 boxes R. H. W. Laundry soap, 10 bars 25c.
100 boxes Kirk's White Russian, 5 bars 25c.

100 boxes Procter & Gamble's Lenox soap, 5 bars 25c.
100 cases oil sardines, 6 boxes 25c.
10 cases 1 lb. oysters, 5 cans 25c.
10 cases 2 lb. oysters, 2 cans 25c.

100 cases red salmon, 5 cans 25c.
10 cases bottled mustard, 5 cans 25c.
20 dozen No. 1 parlor brooms, 10 each.
20 dozen No. 2 parlor brooms, 2 for 25c.
15 dozen Clipper brooms, double, 30c. each.
15 dozen Globe wash boards, 10c. each.

15 dozen Cable Cords 25c. each.
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25 cases gallon apples 25c. can.

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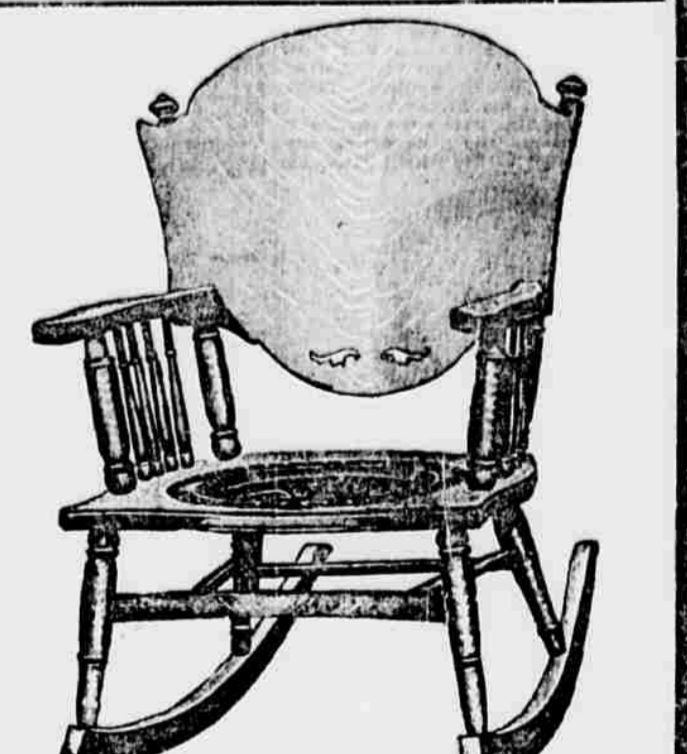


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